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State. The officials of the Government of India concerned with the selection of sites have since visited several areas in this State including Tiruchirappalli district and the report on the result of their investigations is still awaited."

Central Road Traffic Board

* 1216 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state how many cases were decided in 1954 by the Central Road Traffic Board where only a single member participated at the meeting?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" One hundred and seven cases, Sir."

Sago Industry

* 1217 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the Salem District Chamber of Commerce stating that a crisis is facing the Sago Industry; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to give protection to this industry?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The following steps have been taken by this Government in this regard :—

(1) The Government of India and the Government of West Bengal have been addressed for the release of the sago bags seized by the Calcutta Corporation and the removal of the ban imposed on Salem sago by the West Bengal Government.

(2) This Government have amended the relevant rules to secure that 'Sago' is defined as globules manufactured from tapioca starch also.

(3) This Government have requested the Government of India to publish the 'Report on the present position of the sago industry in Salem district' prepared by a team of experts headed by the Director, Central Food Technological Institute, Mysore, to arrange for the laying down of proper standards for the product and for setting up of a testing laboratory to ensure that the products conform to the standards laid down."

Relief of distress in Nattika firka

* 1218 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI (on behalf of Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any amount was allotted from the Prime Minister's Fund for relief in Nattika firka, Malabar;